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## UNITED CHURCH NOTES

The sermon series on the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt. 5, 6, 7) will be resumed. The second sermon has as its title, "The Goal of Human Life."

Should the roads be passable, the services in the country will be at Passchendaele and Roseberry at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

Those who have "cent a meal" boxes which have not been opened the first quarter of the year 1934, are asked to bring them to the pastor, either at church service or the Manse.

The Y.P.S. will meet Sunday evening after the close of the service. We are studying the "Life of Christ" and all young people are urged to attend.

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## To Dairy Men of This District

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V. Hutchinson — Irma

## Titles For Sale?

The honorable member of Parliament for Vegreville who rejoices in the good old British name of Michael Luchkovich, has a bright suggestion to revive the faltering national finances by selling titles to the ten millions of Canadians who are eager to have them.

Mr. Luchkovich proposes that dukes be peddled at \$50,000, marquises at \$25,000, earldoms at \$15,000, viscounts at \$10,000, baronies at \$9,000 and knighthoods at \$7,000.

Our good patriot Luchkovich is doubtless being humorous in a subtle attempt to convey to his public his undying contempt for all such fancies as patents of nobility and the like.

If he is serious, his suggestion is despicable. If he is joking, his joke is singularly lacking taste and wit.

For titles are never funny. If they are improperly bestowed, they constitute a tragedy and a scandal.

If they are properly awarded, they merely reflect the lustre of a name and a mentality that are already intrinsically brilliant.

The kind of people we want to get those titles are those whom nature has already endowed.

For some men are born princes and some are born clowns. The task of His Majesty or of him who does His Majesty's work for him is merely to distinguish with some degree of sense between the two.

A misplaced title is as pitiful and as horrid as an idiot posturing with the sword of Charlemagne.

Like this silly suggestion of Mr. Luchkovich, it offends and disgusts the finer part of every man's nature.—Vancouver Sun.

In order to produce early potatoes the sprouting of the seed tubers has been employed with varying results, says T. F. Ritchie, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario. But most of those employing sprouted seed agree that some gain has been made. The sprouting should be done in diffused light and under conditions where the temperature can be maintained around 50 to 55°F. The growth should be slow, so as to develop sturdy stout buds.

As a rule potatoes sprouted in the open become withered badly before planting time arrives. An experiment has been tried out at the Central Experimental Farm whereby the seed tubers are placed in flats or shallow boxes and sand filled in around the tubers. These flats are fitted with four blocks, one in each corner, one inch square and projecting two inches above the edge of the box. These blocks facilitate the stacking of the boxes one on top of the other, allowing light to enter and permitting the application of water when desired.

Water is applied to the sand at intervals as required, by means of a watering can with a piece of half inch hose attached to the spout.

The boxes may be stacked in the potting shed, in the corner of the kitchen or even in a warm cow barn. Four to five weeks will produce well sprouted and rooted material, when planted out of doors will start growth at once, when the soil warms up. Plant to a depth of four inches and cover the tip of the buds with about a half inch of soil. Potatoes sprouted in this way will come through the sprouting process perfectly firm.

## Coffee Destruction and Regulating Tea Production

Coffee prices are increasing due to the Brazilian policy of destroying a million bags a month, according to representatives of a Vancouver coffee house who have been in Alberta. In the past two years Brazil has destroyed 32 million pounds of coffee.

An international committee composed of Ceylon, India, Java and Sumatra, is controlling tea production and shipments with the result that prices are getting back to the point where they can show a profit on production.

There are two kinds of people who never go out of their way to please you, says a careful observer, and they are those who can't use you and those who are sure of you anyway.

ments were as follows, with whole potatoes being used as seed—Dormant tubers planted, yielded, when dug July 25th, 43 pounds, a second digging Aug. 16th, 55 pounds, in all cases 60 hills were dug for comparison.

Sprouted in flats, with the tubers stood on the stem end, when dug July 25th, 45 pounds, a second digging Aug. 16th, 70 pounds.

Sprouted in sand in flats, with the tubers stood on the stem end, when dug July 25th, 44 pounds, a second digging Aug. 16th, 105 pounds.

The sand sprouted tubers outyielded those sprouted by other methods.

One of the drawbacks with the tubers sprouted in the sand and fully rooted, is that they must be dropped in the rows by hand. The increased earliness and larger yield compensated for this.

## KINSELLA KERNELS

Kinsella, April 2—Miss Isabel Stronach of Inland, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Belle Arkinstall, of Edmonton, spent Easter with her parents here.

Mr. Meade is spending the holidays at Edgerton.

Miss Sterling is spending the Easter holidays at her home in Edmonton.

Master Ralph Thoreson is spending the holiday with his cousin, Master Clifford Jones, at Irma.

Mr. J. Bishop and his son, Claude Bishop, and Mrs. J. Hawkesworth, of Vermilion, spent Easter with the former's daughter and family, Mr. J. Neale.

Miss Thelma Miller and Mr. Lloyd Cameron spent Friday and Saturday at Sedgewick.

Mr. Simpson spent Easter at Hardisty.

The Ladies' Aid held an Easter tea in the United church on Saturday afternoon last, at which there was a very good attendance considering the condition of the roads. The proceeds amounted to \$21.00. Mr. Wadden held the lucky ticket for the quilt which was drawn at this time.

Miss Alice Murray, of Groveland, is spending the Easter holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and family spent Easter at Bruce with the former's parents.

Mr. P. Huse, of Sedgewick, spent Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray.

Mr. A. E. Third left on Wednesday morning on No. 1 for a few weeks in California. Mr. Jack Corbett is helping at the Red & White store during Mr. Third's absence.

Mr. B. Wachtel spent Easter at his home here.

Miss Marian Watson, of Heath, is spending the Easter holidays with her parents here.

We are sorry to report that the condition of Miss Agnes Thompson, a patient in the Viking hospital, has not improved as much as her many friends would like.

## Conservativists Hold Convention in Edmonton

The Conservative Association of Alberta are holding a provincial convention in Edmonton on Friday of this week. Three radio broadcasts have been arranged in connection with the convention on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 to 6:40 p.m., and on Friday, when Mr. Duggan, leader of the provincial Conservative party, will review the work of the convention in a speech that will be broadcast from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTES

Church service will be held next Sunday, April 8th, at the United church.

ext. W.A. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Higginson, Tuesday, April 17th, at 3 p.m.

160 ACRES FOUR MILES FROM Irma, on government highway; close to school. 75 acres broken; remainder breakable. \$2,400—\$1,400 cash. Mrs. Edith Higginson, Irma, Alberta. 6-20p.

"Why are you so particular about having your love letters returned?" asked a Ryley girl when she broke her engagement with a Tofield fellow. "Well it's quite a job to write them," he replied, "and I usually use them over again."

## Easter Monday Meet of W.M.S. Is Well Attended

The special Easter Monday meeting of the W.M.S. was well attended and all enjoyed the lovely program. Mrs. Mason gave the Easter Message in a very fitting manner. The G. G. I. T. girls with their leader, Mrs. Bruce Hadlow, held their affiliating services in this lovely way, joining up with the W.M.S. Mrs. I. S. Reeds gave a most splendid report of the branch meeting of the Alberta W.M.S. held in Edmonton, following this the Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. Geeson, put on a delightful little sketch, "Lighting the Candles of the World." At the close, a social half hour was spent, hostesses being Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Locke.

## Culture of Strawberries

## On Western Prairies

(By R. M. WILSON, Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head, Saskatchewan.)

The strawberry is not grown as extensively as it should be on the prairies. This is probably due to the inexperience of the people in general rather than the impossibility of the production of fruit. Strawberries will grow and produce abundantly provided the right varieties are planted and the recognized cultural treatments are followed.

Senator Dunlap is recognized as one of the best varieties of June-bearing sorts for our climate. Premier, Easy Picker, Marvel and Glen Mary are other good sorts. Mastodon and champion are two good everbearing sorts and are worthy a place in any garden.

At the Dominion Experimental Farm at Indian Head it has been found that spring planting has given greater satisfaction than fall planting. It is very essential that the plantation be surrounded by a shelter belt to give the needed protection from soil drifting and drying winds. The soil should be well prepared, preferably summer-fallow, with a very heavy application of well rotted manure incorporated. Plants should not be set in land that contains patches of quick grass or thistles as they will not thrive. Setting the plants 18 to 24 inches apart in rows 4 feet apart seems to give best results when being taken to keep the crown level with the surface of the ground. If the weather is dry and hot at time of planting it is advantageous to give a light watering to prevent too much drying out before the plants become established.

Give frequent cultivations during the first summer to keep weeds in check and the soil in good fertility condition so that the runners when formed may have a well prepared rooting medium. Use the hand hoe occasionally to eradicate weeds in the row and at this time the runners may be plucked to form a well spaced row.

Fall preparations consist of mulching the plantation with about four inches of straw or hay after freeze-up has taken place. This is left on until mid-April to prevent the alternate freezing and thawing so destructive to the plants and to delay the early blooming, which is always liable to damage from late spring frost. After the plants have made some growth the straw may be scattered on the ground around the plants to conserve moisture and also to keep the fruit clean.

Artificial watering in dry seasons is distinctly beneficial, where water may be easily obtained, as it increases the crop and maintains the size of the fruit for a longer period.

"I hesitate to mention it, Madame, but your husband owed me five dollars when he died," said a business man to a widow in a neighboring town. "Oh, well, I know you will be glad to have something to remember him by," she replied.

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## How Ancient Chinese Dealt With Depression

In ancient times China had a system of its own in dealing with depressions, according to Dr. Kiang Kang-hu. It was then the traditional belief in China that the farmer was the only dire producer of wealth and therefore he stood high in social position, second only to the scholar. Whenever a depression occurred the government would urge the people to return to the land and arbitrarily discourage those occupied in providing services, either imposing upon them special taxes or depriving them of certain rights, honor and luxuries as a sign of humiliation. The government would also place great importance on grains, the contribution of which could redeem penalty and secure nobility (first practiced in 183 B.C. by edict of Emperor Wen). Commodities, including gold, silver, pearls and precious stones were condemned, consequently depreciated in value.

The more radical measures for emergency included government control of production and distribution and of money. The land system in ancient China was socialistic and even communist in theory and practice. After its abolition, whenever a depression occurred there was always an attempt towards its restoration and many a time these were partially successful. Of course there was a decided difference between depressions in Chinese history and the current one. Chinese depressions were all natural results of general want, while the present depression is a very unnatural phenomenon amidst a general plenty.

## FORM "C" The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities)

## Sale and Redemption of Impounded Animals

(See 48)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of the Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that a Brown Mare, branded JR over V. on L.H., impounded in the pound kept by Chas. W. Allen, located on the NW. 24-49-4, on the 19th day of March A.D. 1934, and that the said animal was sold on the 29th day of March, 1934, to W. O. Fleming of Manville, Alberta, and that the said animal may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

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## An Exhibition Of Childhood

London is to witness a most unique exhibition when, on April 19, will open a display of relics of "Children throughout the Ages", acclaimed as the most comprehensive portrayal of child life down the centuries ever presented to the public. The event derives significance as much from the historic value of the various exhibits, as from the purpose to which the proceeds are to be devoted. The beneficiary will be one of London's most deserving charities.

The relics to be displayed link child life with the dim remote ages of the past, the oldest exhibit being a Chinese doll said to date from 600 B.C. From that far distance down the years, the varying fancies of children, the toys which brought them pleasure, the garments they wore, the furniture which decked their nurseries and playrooms, all will be traceable in the array of exhibits from the pre-Christian era down to the end of the reign of Queen Victoria.

Queen Elizabeth's christening robe, her cap and mittens, a portrait of her as a baby (by Holbein), will be shown. A shirt worn by Charles I as a child of two, his boyhood's broadcloth coat, will find prominent place in the display beside Oliver Cromwell's christening robe. Here then that historic eminence which ended so tragically for the monarch is made to symbolize the transitory nature of human passions and, transformed serves the charitable purposes of to-day. Napoleon, too, will be represented, not in a manifestation of childish desire but rather in evidence of that other love which great and lowly have in common, and which is, of course, old as childhood itself. The present given by the Emperor Napoleon to his infant son, the King of Rome, has been obtained as an exhibit.

Perambulators and cradles and such adjuncts of childhood that flourished in the seventeenth century, have been collected to augment the display. Children's furniture from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries will be shown, as well as a display of British and foreign children's clothes, hats, shoes and gloves of the same period, early games, cards and jigsaw puzzles, playbooks and lesson books. A series of rooms is being arranged to depict child scenes of bygone days with inevitable wax figures in the Madame Tussaud tradition. There will be portrayed in similar fashion a Kate Greenaway scene, a Victorian Sunday, the ancient nanny and the modern nurse.

The British royal family, as usual where charity is the object, is accorded wholehearted support to the exhibition. Queen Mary is contributing playthings of her own childhood, and toys which enthralled the young Prince of Wales, his brothers and sisters. Two gold rattles given by Queen Victoria to the Prince of Wales also have been offered, and considerable interest will attach to an exhibit of the immature efforts of the Prince and his brother, the Duke of York, as artists. It is said these efforts are just as atrocious in result and effect as any of less exalted youth.

Perhaps one of the most interesting of the relics to be exhibited, however, has no connection whatever with the childhood of the great or the near-great. It is a pewter feeding bottle, believed to date back to about 1750. It was discovered in possession of a farmer who was using it to feed his lambs. Probably no more fitting place could be found for this memento of a bygone period and a long-forgotten childhood than alongside the relics of royal youth and palace playrooms. It is a striking reminder of that strange democracy of the very young, that constant symbol of the "great levellers"—childhood and death—and it is to be hoped that as such, in these transitional days, it will be interpreted by those privileged to patronize the exhibition.

There is a timely moral lesson, too, in the story recently told by one of the better known financial journals. It happened that a shabbily dressed, ostensibly poor, elderly woman entered the classic portals of a large up-town bank in New York, and told the uniformed guard she desired to open an account. She was shown to the new account department where three officers of the bank were more intent upon the approaching lunch hour than upon new business, particularly business which came in such inauspicious garb. As it happened, lunch was, and the woman was left to the manager.

After stating her mission, the old lady asked to see a statement of the bank's financial position, much to the surprise of the manager who was accustomed to having the institution's financial status taken for granted, particularly by small depositors. However, he presented the requested statement, answered courteously some startlingly intelligent and pertinent questions, which satisfactorily received, brought the intimation that the lady wished to open an account. She gave her name and other necessary information, and, casually, for he expected, a small initial sum, he asked: "How much do you wish to deposit?"

"Thirty-one thousand dollars," replied the old lady, equally casually, as she proceeded to count out the money in bills of various denominations.

## Harry Lauder's New Mansion

Lauder Hall, Sir Harry Lauder's new mansion at Strathaven, Scotland, is receiving its finishing touches, and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. He had given the planning his close attention, and the building contains many historic as well as unique features.

While excavating for a new building in Kustendil, Bulgaria, workmen recently found an aqueduct in which the top-pipe sections could be removed for cleaning.

Among men the safest auto driving ages are between 20 and 30, and among women, between 20 and 40, according to statistics recently compiled in England.

Weary Days—Sleepless Nights  
Wreck the Nervous System

Men and women toss night after night on sleepless beds. Their eyes do not close in the refreshing repose that comes to those whose nerves are right. They are irritable and nervous, weak and worn out, and everything looks dark and gloomy.

Milburn's "E & P" Pill is the remedy that is required to restore them to the possessing of good health. They bring back the sound refreshing sleep, tone up the nerves, and impart that sense of buoyancy to the spirits that is the result of renewed mental and physical vigor.



## Marvels of the Human Eye

By F. M. CROWE, Optometrist-Optician, Calgary

## NO. 6—ASTIGMATISM

We now come to a very common defect of the eye, one little understood by the public, many of whom consider it a visible inflammatory condition or disease or that it is a temporary ailment, which is not so. The simplest explanation of Astigmatism would be to describe it as an error in which one or both refractive surfaces (Lens and Cornea) are not symmetrically curved. Try and visualize a perfectly round ball of glass from which you cut a slice. Now the Cornea of the eye should be as equally curved in all meridians as that slice of glass would when it is not, the condition is known as Astigmatism. It is usually congenital but may be acquired by a blow or result from a scar after an ulcer has healed. It is also considered probable that the simplest cause of Astigmatism have resulted from pressure on the eyeball in infancy by the mother when wassing the child's eyes, also by the child rubbing his eyes in the horizontal direction in their "crying years" as it is usually in the horizontal direction of the gaze that the eye is forced to move. This is the cause of Astigmatism exists.

We have seen that rays of light from any object, to be seen clearly and comfortably, must focus on the Retina and to do so must pass through symmetrically curved surfaces which you see is impossible. Astigmatism exists because the focus is blurred and focused at a sharp point. The poor vision which would result from Astigmatism of moderate amount is often overcome by the action of the Lens. The third motor nerve sends power to the muscle which controls the action of the Lens, and the lens is forced into an unnatural shape in the effort to obtain a clear brain image. But imagine, if you can, the excessive amount of nerve energy used up by such eyes for say sixteen hours each day after year. If any wonder such people eventually break down under the strain.

Some symptoms of Astigmatism are headaches, nervousness, irritability, loss of "pep", tilting of the head to see better, nausea, indigestion, constipation, insomnia and even St. Vitus Dance. Different individuals are differently affected. The symptom occurring in an individual

depend upon the age, temperament, physique and occupation.

Strange as it may seem the discomfort experienced as a result of Astigmatism is not at all in proportion to the degree of error. In fact, one usually bears the reverse ratio as we find the better the vision the greater the eyestrain where a small amount of error exists. It is estimated that normal eyes use about thirty-five per cent of the nerve energy of a normal body, how much is used by eyes that are abnormal? Could a body remain healthy under such circumstances? You answer.

We have more reason to expect the eyes to be perfect, than the feet, hands and other organs. Not only they see and few eyes are without some degree of Astigmatism. A small amount can be tolerated by many without discomfort, especially in outdoor occupations, but the presence of excessive eye strain, work requiring intense pleasure, strong electric light, moving pictures and "glare" from almost everything we look at, all tend to manifest the defects in the human eye. It is doubtful if our forefathers' eyes were any better or worse than ours. We have grown up, however, in a different environment, but they lived differently, retired earlier, had plenty of soothing green grass and trees to meet their gaze instead of the reflections from city pavements and roads, auto radiators, store displays etc. and especially when they used their coal oil on gas, not electricity which is charged with rays harmful to the eyes.

Am I advocating a return to the old condition of things? By no means. I am merely pointing out that we are not the only ones with eye ailments remote from, yet due to eye conditions, is part of the price we are paying for advancing civilization.

It has taken quite a time for me to tell you the worst. Now comes much better news. Science has again come to our aid in the form of new instruments which, in the hands of a skilled optometrist, measures the amount and kind of Astigmatism and other eye defects — also machinery for grinding special lenses which when worn entirely neutralizes these effects and gives the patient a comfortable normal vision, normal amount of nerve energy used for the eyes leaving the other organs with their proper share. The unpleasant eye and bodily symptoms disappear, work is more efficient and life is enjoyed instead of tolerated.

(To Be Continued)

## Strange Accidents At Sea

## Ships' Officers Give Accounts Of Two Unusual Collisions

Recalling strange accidents at sea, officers of the steamer Beechpark, at Saint John, gave first-hand accounts of two unusual collisions.

Capt. Engineer David Thomson was with the Volumina when that ship carried troops across the English Channel in war days. Travelling without lights, troop-carriers proceed at full speed over courses ordered clear by the admiralty. A stocky trawler returning from the banks had not heard the warning and unwittingly crossed the troopship's track.

"It was the first time an iron ship was cut in two," said Thomson. "We struck the big trawler broadsides, ploughed right through the hull and out the other side. From the port I got a fleeting glance of the stern half sinking."

Only five of the crew of 39 were rescued, and one died soon after. The confused survivors wouldn't believe it. They couldn't understand why we had not founded sooner."

Capt. Will Masson told how the steamer Montpark, a famous Q-boat during the war, met a strange end while under his command in 1919. A crash occurred while the Montpark was feeling its way through poor visibility one night a few days out from the Tyne mouth. Capt. Masson saw the bow of another ship protruding into his own, heard terse orders in a foreign language, and watched the unknown vessel back into the mist.

The Montpark sinking, its crew jumped into the sea. Capt. Masson and a few seamen were rescued from a life-raft the following evening, but other members of the crew were never found and the ship which left them helpless was never identified.

High Broadcasting Station

To spread Hungarian culture throughout the world and make it possible for nationals residing in other countries to keep in easy contact with the fatherland, Hungary will erect the highest radio broadcasting station in the world. It will be on an island south of Budapest. A trellis work steel tower will rise 932 feet, and a telescopic shaft on top will make the total height 1,022 feet.

Traffic in titles has been made illegal in Germany.

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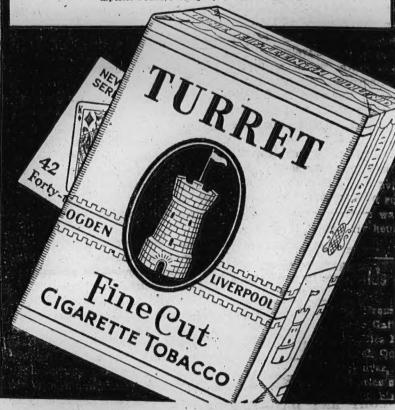
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## Progress For Persia

## Mechanization Of Old Handicraft Industries Looks Like Mistake

And now the Shah of Persia has evolved a five-year plan! Progress is to make its debut through the mechanization of the ancient handicraft industries that have created so many delights for collectors. Great carpet and rug factories will rear their looms where patient hands have labored after the traditions and the patterns of the centuries.

None will be the features that made oriental rug collecting a delight to those with incomes permitting it. No longer will variations in color tell of the exhaustion of some native dye mixture, or irregularities in pattern betray the advent of a new native weaver. The innovations that began with analine dyes and chemical washes will reach their climax in a uniformity that matches the best American "orientals."

Indeed, progress in Persia may mean no progress at all. Who will want a genuine oriental rug if the mechanics don't whip from the mechanized product of the accident?

## British Flight Squadron

## Suggestion Is Made That A Visit To Canada Should Be Undertaken

A suggestion was made in the British House of Commons that the United Kingdom send to Canada detachments or flights of airplanes to "show the flag" in the Dominion. The planes would be sent aboard a naval aircraft carrier.

Discussion of the proposal arose during the debate on the air estimates when Oliver E. Simmonds, Duddesdon Conservative and aircraft manufacturer, told the house Canada had never seen a squadron of British planes, although every year squadrons of machines from the United States made exhibition flights to Canadian air pageants.

Mr. Simmonds said he was in Ottawa early this year and had hope expressed that the Royal Air Force would "show the flag" in Canada. He asked that the air ministry consider the matter.

Sir Philip Stasmon, minister for air, described the suggestion as "very interesting."

## Passenger Train Pooling

## Expected To Effect Big Saving Under Arrangement

The passenger train pooling arranged for in the Montreal-Toronto, Ottawa-Toronto and Montreal-Quebec services, as extended and effective from March 11, will produce a total saving of approximately 1,000,000 train miles per annum, divided evenly between the C.N.R. and C.P.R. and on the basis of a conservative estimate will represent a saving to each company of approximately \$500,000 per annum. This information was given in the House of Commons by Hon. R. J. Manion, minister of railways and canals, based on a telegram from Chairman C. P. Fullerton, of the C.N.R. board of trustees.

We're slipping socially, says the Brandon Sun. We sent 62 Christmas cards and only received 41.

## New Television Machine

## Will Be Ready For Demonstration At Chicago Show

The world's largest television machine, being built at the Horton Steel Works, Fort Erie, N.Y., will be ready for demonstrations at the re-opening of the Century of Progress Exhibit at Chicago on May 1. The builder of the machine, U. A. Sanabria, of Chicago, said the machine would have a 30-foot screen and its transmitter would weigh more than 5,000 pounds. It would have a definition sufficiently large to handle an entire scene at once.

**London Consumes Less Meat**  
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## Main Street

Dr. Richardson, of Viking, has taken over the dental practice at Irma from Dr. Murray and will now on visit Irma every Friday where he will continue to work in the rear of the drug store.

Miss York spent the Easter holidays with her parents at Provost, Alberta.

Mr. E. E. Sharkey returned home from several weeks' visit in Edmonton, the first of the week.

Don't forget the Merrymakers' play, "A Little Clodhopper" at the Alma Mater school, on April 20th.

Mrs. C. T. Hill is spending the Easter vacation with her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Hardy, in Edmonton.

Mrs. C. McKay and daughter, Susan, were in Edmonton over the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Jones and daughters were in Provost with relations for Easter Sunday and Monday.

Miss Myrtle Fitzpatrick, the local hair dresser, is taking a week's holiday and will be back on duty Monday, April 16th.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Yend is improving nicely from her recent attack of real old fashioned 'flu.'

The April meeting of the Irma Ladies' Aid will be held next Thursday, April 12th, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Locke. Everybody welcome.

Dr. Greenberg is bucking the mud this week in a new 1934 Dodge sedan. The Irma school children and teachers have enjoyed a few, holidays since March 29th. The schools will re-open again on April 9th.

Mr. Kiefer showed "Prosperity," one of Marie Dressler's famous pictures to a good crowd in Irma last Monday evening.

Mr. J. H. Elliott is around again this week after being confined to his home with an attack of stomach 'flu.'

Mr. W. L. Malcolm, teacher of the Strawberry Plains school, motored to Edmonton last Sunday.

### Shower for Miss Kelly

A very social afternoon was enjoyed on Thursday, March 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fletcher, of the Plaxton district, the occasion being a shower for Miss Maisie Kelly, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Kelly, who, when this goes to press will be the bride of Mr. Hugh Miller, of Mayfield, district.

After some entertaining games which were keenly appreciated by

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## Hotel Chief



By R.J. DEACHMAN  
Profits and Post Offices

The Post Office is an ancient institution in the Dominion of Canada.

The first service was established between Montreal and Quebec as early as 1721 but it consisted of private messengers acting as carriers of the mail rather than the ordered postal system such as we have today.

The Canada Year Book tells us that when Canada came under British rule the Post Office was placed on a sound footing by Benjamin Franklin, then deputy-postmaster general for the American colony, who visited Canada in 1763, opening Post Offices in Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, and also established courier communication between Montreal and New York. Halifax had a Post Office as early as 1755 and regular postal communication with Great Britain.

The rates were high at first, but after Confederation a reduction was made from five cents to three cents per half ounce, and in 1870 the rate to the United States and the United Kingdom was reduced from ten cents to six cents per half ounce respectively.

Most people will remember quite clearly the days when we had two cent rates extending through the Empire. But wars and debt and the high cost of living have altered all that.

With high rates or low rates the Post Office in Canada has never paid, so far as direct dividends are concerned. If we look up the records we will find some years in which there appears a fairly substantial surplus. Perhaps the highest record was the \$4,601,805 recorded as the surplus for the year 1917 and the largest deficit of \$3,876,496 in 1931.

Surpluses of the Post Office Department are not, however, in any sense real surpluses—recorded deficits, under a proper accounting system, would be much larger than they appear.

The reason is that the accounts of the Post Office Department are not kept in the same way as the accounts of ordinary business undertakings. This applies regardless of which party happens to be in power and the probability is that if both of the old parties went out of business and their place was taken by the C.C.F. or some other group the same system would continue.

The Post Office Department is not charged with cost of the construction of the splendid government Post Offices which we see throughout the country.

These are constructed and paid for by the Department of Public Works. Alterations and repairs are treated in the same way. Post office boxes, for instance, are built into the post offices by the Department of Public Works but the post office collects the revenue from the boxes.

Heating and janitor service is also provided by the same department and hence we have no record of these things so far as the post office is concerned. If the cost of the original buildings was taken into account and due allowance made for repairs, depreciation, etc., the post office department would have held the record of being a loser since it was first established.

Of recent years post office stamps are also attached to cheques and while these might quite properly be classed as purely exorbitant and not post office revenue, the post office gets the credit for their sale.

It may be contended that all these expenditures come out of the federal government pocket book and therefore it makes little difference if we leave them charged to one department instead of another.

Two perfectly good reasons can be urged against this contention. In a democratic country where, after all, the people rule or should rule, we ought to pay careful attention to the costs of administration. We can only do this if we know what the costs are. Then the post office is sometimes mentioned as an example, and a very successful example of government ownership. But inferences should not be drawn from its success if the figures do not represent the facts.

No one would think of turning the operation of the post office over to private enterprise. There are some forms of organization in the life of a country where the reasons for govern-

## Weekly Review of Western Markets

### Cattle

BEEF—Trading at Edmonton has been moderately active on top quality, but other kinds slow. Quotations show steady. Choice heavy steers from \$4.50@4.75; choice light \$4.50@4.75; good \$3.75@4.25; medium \$3.25@3.75; common from \$2@3\$. Choice heifers brought \$3.50@4\$, and good \$3@3.50. Choice cows \$2.25@2.50; good from \$1.75@2.25; medium \$2.25@1.75; common \$1.10@1.25; and cutters 75c@81. Choice bulls sold at \$1.25@1.50; medium bulls \$1@1.15, and cannery from 50c up. Choice light calves \$4.50@5.50; common from \$1.50@2\$. FEEDERS STOCKERS—Feeder steers from \$2.75@3.25; stock steers \$2.50@3\$; stock heifers \$2@2.50, and stock cows from \$1.25@1.75.

### Hogs

Edmonton quotations also lower this week. Bacons bringing \$6.75@6.85; select \$7.25@7.35, and butchers \$6.25@6.35, fed and watered weights.

### Sheep

Edmonton market unchanged for the week. Yearlings from \$3@4; ewes \$1@2\$, and lambs \$6@6.75.

### Poultry—Eggs

POULTRY—Receipts very light, only odd crates arriving. Some fowl in fair condition, but chicken poor. Prices unchanged; demand not overactive. Some storage stuff moving, but summer resort trade necessary to help turnover. EGGS—Receipts fair during first part of the week, but heavy snow storm will cause temporary delay. Quality on the whole good, with exception of odd chilled crates. Stoving started. Prices steady: "A" large, 11@12c; "A" medium, 9@10c; "C" 6@7c.

### Hay—Feeds Greenfeed

HAY—Demand fair, with bulk of shipments from country points being made by government. B.C. buyers taking stock from Cochrane district. Prices steady: Upland, \$1@\$8; timothy, \$9@10 on track, at shipping point. Calgary hay market finds demand well with receipts fair, but expected to drop off since snow storm. Prices steady: Upland, baled, \$10@\$11; loose, \$10 per ton, moderately fed. OATS—Demand moderately active with price steady at 28@30c per bushel, delivered. No quotation available on seed oats. GREENFEED—Good demand but little being offered. Undertone of market firm, with price generally quoted at \$10 a ton, delivered.

### Specialty Feeds

"Were you nervous the first time you asked your husband for money?" asked a young bride here of her neighbor.

"No, I was calm and collected," was the reply.

Albert Loades was an Edmonton visitor last week.

Good Friday, March 30th, is a holiday.

Talkies-in Viking every Thursday evening, by Keifer's shows.

## Farmers' Annual Loss From Weeds \$179,200,000

Special Study of Weed Control Financed by Elevator Owners—Pamphlets Available at Elevators

Professors of Agriculture College of the University of Manitoba specializing in weed control and eradication, have made compilations indicating that loss to Western Canadian farmers through weeds amounts to \$179,200,000 annually.

In order to provide farmers with information as to the best means of combating the weed menace, Dr. G. P. McRostie, Professor of Agronomy and W. Tildesley, assistant on weed research, approached the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association with a proposal that the line elevator companies finance scientific investigation concerning weed eradication. Recognizing the need for such a study of the weed problem, the elevator men undertook to raise the funds necessary for the survey. This work has now been proceeding for the past three years and the results of investigations of professors have been turned over to the Northwest Grain Dealers.

The studies relate to couch grass, saw thistle, Canada thistle, control of weeds by chemicals and destruction of weed seeds by smalling. The first of the pamphlets dealing with these subjects is now in the hands of all line country elevator agents for free distribution to farmers. Any farmer may now obtain the latest scientific information on this important subject at any local line elevator.

The quality of Canada's grain crops and profitable volume of production can only be obtained through control of weeds. Line elevator company owners are deserving of appreciation of the farming population in recognizing the need for scientific study of this problem and the making available of the results of these experiments to the farmers of the West.

"Sir, er—that is, I would like to say—that is, I mean I have been going with your daughter for five years—said a young fellow to her dad at Bruce when the old man cut in with: "Well, whadya want? A pension?"

You might like my singing better if I was a star," said a local girl to her high school fellow. "Yes," he replied, "the nearest star is 15,000 miles away."

## Irma Times

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The Edmonton Grads made such a poor showing in Calgary that fears were expressed that they were slipping. However, in the return game, Page's protégés displayed wonderful form, smothering the Hudson's Bay Girls by a score of 99 to 21. After the first game, 35-22, some of the sport-writers in Calgary suggested that the Grads were heading for the "Last Round-up." Oh! what a nasty crack that was! That peeled the girls in the capital city. And just see what those young ladies did in retaliation.

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